

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-34 and 37-46 are currently pending. By this Reply, Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, 20, 30 and 33. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 5-34 and 37-46 are at issue.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 5-34 and 37-46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karmarkar in view of Jarvis. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1, as amended herein, is directed to a system having a plurality of gaming devices configured to receive and bet on a plurality of separate networked roulette game sources. Each of the gaming devices can make a progressive contribution to a progressive jackpot which is awarded to a user based on the outcome of at least two roulette games.

Karmarkar fails to disclose a plurality of gaming devices that provide a progressive contribution to the progressive jackpot as required by claim 1. Additionally, as previously noted by the Examiner, Karmarkar fails to disclose a system that bases a prize based on the outcome of multiple games from multiple, separate sources. (See Office Action of March 27, 2007, where – in finding then pending claim 4 allowable – provided:

linking prize winning event being dependent upon outcome of multiple game sources appears allowable. It is noteworthy that progressive bonus references teach prize winning event dependent upon outcome of multiple events, **but not multiple events from multiple sources.**" Emphasis added).

Jarvis does not cure either deficiency of Karmarkar. Jarvis is directed to an electronic video roulette game having at least two wheels for providing outcomes. Jarvis does disclose a gaming device that provides a progressive contribution to a progressive jackpot. Jarvis also does not disclose basing a prize from multiple separate sources as now required by claim 1. Both wheels of Jarvis are part of the same gaming unit.

Additionally, it would not have been obvious to combine the features of Jarvis with Karmarkar because the resulting system would no longer work for its intended purpose. Similar to aspects of claim 1, Karmarkar is directed to a system that allows a player to bet on (i.e., play)

remote betting games. Placing a plurality of roulette wheels directly in the gaming system of Karmarkar is counter to Karmarkar's objective to "provide a practical **but remote** player friendly casino-type gaming system that meets the gaming legal regulations, as promulgated by the various governmental jurisdictions." (Karmarkar, column 1, line 66 – column 2, line 2).

In view of the differences discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits claim 1 is patentable over Karmarkar in view of Jarvis, and is in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 5-7 depend on claim 1 and include each of its limitations. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 2 and 5-7 are also patentable over Karmarkar in view of Jarvis.

Claim 8, as amended herein, is directed to a gaming device that includes a plurality of remote, separate gaming sources. Additionally, the device in claim 8 allows a player to make a progressive contribution, and is configured to provide a progressive jackpot based on a plurality of games.

As set forth above, Karmarkar and Jarvis fail to disclose such a gaming device. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 8 is patentable over Karmarkar in view of Jarvis and is in condition for allowance.

Claims 9-19 depend on claim 8, either directly or indirectly, and include each of its limitations. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claims 9-19 are also patentable over Karmarkar in view of Jarvis.

Claim 20, as amended herein, is directed to a method for playing roulette that includes providing a plurality of separate, remote roulette games. Additionally, claim 20 requires providing a progressive contribution and awarding a progressive jackpot based on the outcome of at least two of the roulette games.

As set forth above, Karmarkar and Jarvis fail to disclose such a method. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 20 is patentable over Karmarkar in view of Jarvis and is in condition for allowance.

Claims 21-29 depend on claim 20, either directly or indirectly, and include each of its limitations. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claims 21-29 are also patentable over Karmarkar in view of Jarvis.

Claim 30, as amended herein, is also directed to a method for providing a plurality of remote games. Additionally, the method of claim 30 requires providing an input device to allow

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a player to make a progressive contribution, and providing a player a progressive jackpot based on the outcome of two of the plurality of games.

As set forth above, Karmarkar and Jarvis fail to disclose such a method. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 30 is patentable over Karmarkar in view of Jarvis and is in condition for allowance.

Claims 31 and 32 depend on claim 30 and include each of its limitations. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claims 31-32 are also patentable over Karmarkar in view of Jarvis.

Claim 33 is directed to a gaming device comprising a plurality of capturing means for capturing a plurality of games being played on a plurality of separate remote physical game tables. The gaming device of claim 33 also comprises communication means to communicate with a plurality of other gaming devices to compete with players at the other gaming devices.

Neither Karmarkar nor Jarvis disclose a device that allows competition with other players at other gaming devices. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 33 is patentable over Karmarkar in view of Jarvis, and is in condition for allowance.

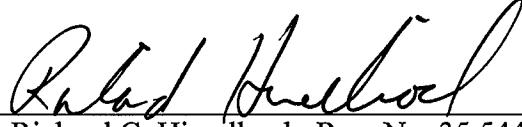
Claims 37-46 depend on claim 33, either directly or indirectly, and include each of its limitations. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claims 37-46 are also patentable over Karmarkar in view of Jarvis.

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In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-34 and 37-46. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if there are any questions regarding this Reply.

Respectfully submitted,

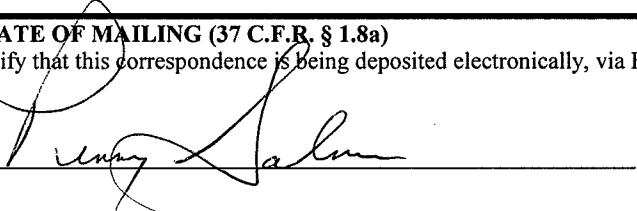
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